

**CIO Recommendation to the Information Technology Investment Board  
for  
Project Development Approval**






**Agency:** Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

**Project Title:** EZ Pass Implementation

**Project Summary:** On August 26, 2003, Governor Mark Warner announced that Virginia would join the EZ Pass Inter-Agency Group (IAG) thus allowing patrons of multiple toll authorities belonging to IAG to use toll roads in Virginia and pay their tolls via the Smart Tag Customer Service Center. Virginia drivers would gain reciprocal rights in other states. On September 17, 2003, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the resolution authorizing VDOT to join the EZ Pass IAG. Membership in the IAG is contingent upon the VDOT timely implementation of full reciprocity for Smart Tag and EZ Pass patrons. This project will implement the integration through modification of existing Smart Tag software, toll plaza equipment, and the Smart Tag Customer Service Center. The estimated cost of the project is \$2 million, with a scheduled completion date of December 2004. Non-general funds (from the Toll Facilities Revolving Account) have been appropriated for the project.

The CIO granted Planning Approval for the project on November 4, 2003. The Transportation Oversight Committee reviewed the project proposal and charter on November 10, 2003 and recommended the project be approved for development.

**Evaluation Summary:** *(A Detailed Balanced Scorecard Project Evaluation is attached.)*

Criteria	Summary	Score
Stakeholder Perspective	The project addresses the business needs of internal and external stakeholders.	
Business Process Perspective	This investment will achieve interoperability between Smart Tag and EZ Pass electronic toll collection systems.	
Project Management Perspective	The project has strong political support from the Governor and equally strong management involvement and support from the Secretary of Transportation and VDOT leadership.	
Financial and Economic Perspective	Financial and economic benefits identified.	
Enterprise Portfolio Perspective	On balance, the impact on the Commonwealth Enterprise Architecture and associated consolidation goals is positive.	

**CIO Recommendation:** That the ITIB grant Development Approval for the VDOT EZ Pass Implementation Project and authorize the Chairman of the ITIB to approve the project charter on behalf of the Board.

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